**KSM Principal’s Report**

**September 21, 2021**

**Welcome Back!**

**Updates from around the school**

We continue to have 12 Divisions, and currently have 254 students enrolled in the school.

We have all staff in place.

* Ms. Debbie So was hired in has been on leave since then. We now have Ms. Nicole Wong who will be here permanently.
* Ms. Gee has continued her leave for the entire school year and we are pleased that Ms. Amanda Ramharakh has been able to come back.
* Ms. Sarah Crabtree is our new teacher in the ELSP class with SSA Suzanne Shephard.
* Ms. Sally Chee and Mx. Jennifer Ivings are a new job share in the current grade ½ class.
* We have new SSA’s joining us: Ms. Imrana Islam, Mr. Francois Palay, Ms. Brenda Patterson, and one more to be hired.
* We have a new area counsellor Mr. Milo Wu and SLP Ms. Michelle Yen

**School wide focus:** Staff have discussed and have prioritized improving social and emotional skills including ensuring that students feel safe especially through COVID, increasing mental wellness and resiliency. We have decided to add an anti-racism lens to this work.

**Code of Conduct** was reviewed thoroughly last fall; however, please take a moment to review it and pass along any suggestions.

**Health and Safety Updates**

* H& S continues to be our number one priority.
* Students come into the school and wash hands, they do this at every transition. We prioritize hand washing over hand sanitizing even though it does take longer, it is more effective.
* Masks are mandatory for grades 4 and up and all adults. We are fortunate that almost every child in K-3 also wears a mask.
* We continue to use multiple entrances and exits to avoid congestion when not necessary.
* Students continue to do an incredible job with this. Thank you to families and the community for supporting this at home.
* We have a new Daily Health Screen with clear protocol about when a child can return to school.
* Some restrictions have been loosened; however, we continue to move slowly, carefully, and thoughtfully.

**H&S Concerns**

* We still have caregivers that come into the school without an appointment.
* Some parents want to drop off lunches and other forgotten items, they must remember to bring everything with them at the start of the day.

**Communication**

* Please bring any concern to your child’s teacher first if it is classroom related.
* If it’s more general, please connect with me.
* I have asked teachers to connect more with families this year about the everyday going on inside the classrooms.